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**California Leaders Join Mayor Reed to Advocate for High Speed Rail  
from Bay Area to L.A. via Pacheco Pass**  
***Congresswoman Lofgren, Assemblymember Beall, and Mayors from  
throughout the region unite to encourage best route for rail access***

**Event:** Join San José Mayor Chuck Reed; Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren; Assemblymember Jim Beall; Carl Guardino, Silicon Valley Leadership Group CEO; Mayors and Councilmembers from throughout Silicon Valley and the region to advocate for California's High Speed Rail line between Los Angeles and Sacramento to enter the Bay Area via Pacheco Pass.

**When:** **Press Conference – Friday, August 24, 2007**  
**3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. – Prior to the California High Speed Rail Authority Meeting**

**Where:** San José City Hall – outside the Rotunda  
200 E. Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

**Who:** Mayor Chuck Reed, City of San José  
Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren  
Assemblymember Jim Beall  
Carl Guardino, CEO, Silicon Valley Leadership Group  
Mayors, Councilmembers, and leaders from throughout the region

**Background:** On August 24, 2007, the California High Speed Rail Authority meets at San José City Hall at 4 p.m. to take testimony on the Environmental Impact Report for the future high speed rail line between Northern and Southern California. One critical decision is how the rail line will enter the Bay Area: either through the Pacheco Pass and into San José, where the line will travel up each side of San Francisco Bay to San Francisco and Oakland, or over the Altamont Pass into the East Bay, where the line will require a new rail bridge over San Francisco Bay to reach San Francisco.

“The Pacheco Pass route offers the most direct route between California’s population centers and the least impact on our environment,” said Mayor Chuck Reed. “We urge the California High Speed Rail Commission to choose the Pacheco Pass route.”

**Interviews:** Mayor Reed and other elected officials will be available for one-on-one interviews.